Essay Planner Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Focus question**

In *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, you will argue one of the following. Make a choice below.

Be sure to take into account what people who disagree ***might say.***

**Circle your Argument Choice**

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| **The character of Helena is depicted as a WEAK person.**  **Yes or No? Make your argument** | **The character of Demetrius is depicted as a BULLY.**  **Yes or no? Make your argument** | **The character of Hermia is depicted as a self-centered woman.**  **Yes or no? Make your argument** | **The character of Lysander treats women fairly.**  **Yes or no? Make your argument** | ***Challenge:***  Without the character of “Puck,” Shakespeare’s play would have lost its value as a comedy.  **Yes or No? Make your argument** | ***Challenge:***  Shakespeare makes a good case that it is possible to control another person’s actions.  **Yes or No? Make your argument** |

**INTRODUCTION**

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| Include a unique “hook” to capture the reader’s interest and attention. Be sure to name the text and the author. Give brief background information to the reader about the play to help them understand what it is all about. Be SURE to state your argument that you are making. |
| Write Introduction here: |

**BODY PARAGRAPH 1**

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| **FIRST Reason that supports my argument:** |
| **Topic Sentence:** |
| Quote I will use |
| Character of choice:: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Act/Scene/Line #s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Quote: |
| How this quote supports my 1st Reason above |
| Explanation: |
| Write Body Paragraph 1 here: |

**BODY PARAGRAPH 2**

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| **2nd Reason that supports my argument:** |
| **Topic Sentence:** |
| Quote I will use |
| Character of Choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Act/Scene/Line #s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Quote: |
| How this quote supports my 2nd Reason above |
| Explanation: |
| Write Body Paragraph 2 Here: |

**COUNTERCLAIM - in a brief paragraph**

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| **One Reason that the other point of view would disagree with my argument: (Several sentences)**  ***However, this is not a strong claim because:*** |
| **Another Reason that the other point of view would disagree with my argument: (Several sentences)**  ***However, this is not a strong claim because:*** |
| **Topic Sentence for this paragraph:**  **(*Some people may say….The opposing view is that….One might object, saying…….Admittedly, the other side to this is…..Others may think…..)*** |
| **Write Counterclaim Paragraph here:** |

**CONCLUSION**

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| **Re-state Your Argument below in a unique/different way** | **Summarize your reasons without too much repetition** |
| Restatement of Claim: | Summary of reasons: |
| **Thoughts you would like to leave the reader thinking about in connection with your argument overall** | |
| I would like to leave the reader thinking about…. | |
| **Put all together and write Conclusion below** | |
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